

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**  
Lower Level – Room 40, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
**October 9, 2008**

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**Present:** Diane Trout-Oertel, Mark Shepherd Thomas, Steve Trimble, Pat Igo, April Haas, Carole Kralicek, John Manning, Shari Taylor Wilsey, Richard Faricy

**Absent:** Susan Bartlett Foote, Lee Meyer, Paul Larson, Carol Carey

**Staff Present:** Amy Spong, Christine Barr, Cory Rucker

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:05 PM by John Manning (Chair)

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- 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda was approved as submitted 6-0 (**Wilsey, Trout-Oertel**).
- 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes for both September meetings were approved 6-0 (**Igo, Thomas**)
- 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** John Manning stated a conflict for the St. Thomas item as he works for the Private College Council. No other conflicts were stated.
- 4. PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW**

**A. 2055 Summit Avenue, Summit West Historic District,** Doug Hennes, University of Saint Thomas, for a preliminary review to remodel and construct an addition at Sitzman hall. (Spong, 266-9079).

Staff read the report including preliminary findings. Staff showed photos of the property and of the work which was proposed. The applicant, Doug Hennes, and architect, Kurt Dale, were present to speak on the University's behalf and showed pictures and designs of the proposed work.

Commissioner Faricy questioned the use of a circular window since the other windows were of a rectangular nature. There was discussion between the Commission and the applicant regarding the concerns identified in the staff report; namely the dormers, glass connector and openings. Staff also stated that extending the brick retaining wall where the tuck-under garage used to be did not comply with the guidelines.

The applicant Doug Hennes and the architect Kurt Dale stated that the reason for the two feet recession of the glass connector was to allow maximum space possible of the new addition and also that the retaining wall was going to be replaced due to the fact the tree roots have caused the wall to buckle over. There was a concern raised by commissioner Shephard-Thomas as to whether the trees were planted during a significant time period. The applicant proposes closing the entry to the parking pad by extending the retaining wall during its replacement due to the lack of space to park there. The applicant also stated that the University has acquired some stain glass windows for placement in the new addition.

In summary, the applicant was encouraged to look at the dormers being proposed and the openings for compliance with the guidelines.

**5. DISCUSSION**

**A.** September Design Review Statistics (see attached)

**B.** Department of Safety and Inspections is moving to 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220 and will open at that location on October 13.

**C.** Staff reminded the HPC about the next business meeting which would be a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission and would consider public comment regarding the Historic Preservation Plan chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

**D.** There was a discussion regarding the recent demolition of the Globe Office Building at 1120 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the future demo plans by the Port Authority for that area.

**E.** The HPC made a motion and authorized staff to complete the draft Demolition Delay Ordinance and to move through with final City Council adoption as soon as possible. Only the demo delay language would be proposed now and the rest of the draft ordinance would be pursued at a later date.

**6. ADJOURN: 6:55 P.M.**

Submitted by: Cory Rucker